

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
JUNIOR LEAGUE  
OF BOSTON





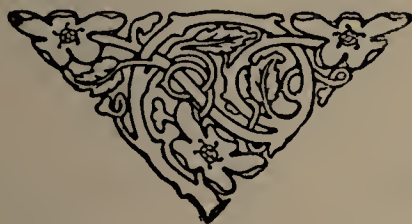
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THE SEWING CIRCLE LEAGUE  
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# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### *Name.*

This organization shall be called the Junior League of Boston.

## ARTICLE II.

### *Object.*

1. The object of this League is to interest young women of Boston in the social and industrial problems of the city.
2. To help them to study conditions and to find their own work.
3. To organize standing committees to be actively interested in such work.
4. To organize Lectures on social and industrial subjects.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Membership. — Two Classes.*

The membership of this League shall consist of two classes — Active and Associate members.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *Active Members. — Their Rights and Duties.*

1. Active members shall be elected from among the debutantes of each year.

2. They shall pay dues and attend their Sewing Circles. The first year of their membership they shall have entire charge of the Lectures, but they shall consult with the Board of Managers through a delegate from the Board appointed by the President.

3. The end of their first year, at their annual spring business meeting, they shall form Standing Committees on different subjects, each Committee appointing its own Chairman.

4. The Chairmen of every Committee on one subject shall comprise an Executive Board for that subject.

### ARTICLE V.

#### *Associate Members. — Their Rights and Duties.*

Associate members shall be (A) those who are members of a Sewing Circle which has belonged to the League for seven years.

1. They shall pay dues and attend their Sewing Circles.

2. No Standing Committees shall be formed, but information concerning opportunities of work shall be open to them upon application to the Secretary of the League.

(B) Those who have resigned from their Sewing Circle and still desire to belong to the League.

(C) Those whose names are transferred to the Junior League of Boston from another Junior League and do not belong to a Sewing Circle.

These members (B and C) shall pay dues to the League Treasurer and have all the opportunities of the League.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Active and Associate Members. — Their Rights and Duties.*

1. The Active and Associate members shall outline the policy of the League and shall supervise all its business.

2. Officers of the League may be chosen from either of these classes.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *The Sewing Circles.*

1. The Sewing Circles shall be known as "The Active Members of 1906," or of whatever year they were elected members of the League. Each Sewing Circle shall elect from among its own number a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. The President shall preside at all the meetings of her Sewing Circle, and within a week after the annual spring business meeting of her Sewing Circle, shall send to the President of the League the names of the members who were elected Chairmen of the different committees in her Sewing Circle.

3. The Secretary shall arrange where the Sewing Circles are to be held and shall issue the notices.

4. The Treasurer shall keep a list of the names and addresses of the members of her Sewing Circle and shall receive and acknowledge all their dues.

5. Each Sewing Circle may make its own rules not inconsistent with those of the League.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Election of Members.*

A secret Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the spring meeting, consisting of the President, as Chairman, and two League members and four of next year's debutantes, who shall hold a meeting before October 1st to elect members of the Sewing Circle. Names of candidates for the new Sewing Circle may be sent to the President before September 22d.



## ARTICLE IX.

### *Annual Dues.*

The Annual Dues shall be \$3.00, or any sum which each Sewing Circle shall decide upon, provided it is not less than \$3.00, and shall be payable to the Treasurer of each Sewing Circle, who after deducting what is needed for the running expenses, shall give the remainder to the Treasurer of the League on or before January 1st.

## ARTICLE X.

### *The Board of Managers.*

1. The Managing Board of the League shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Executive Officers elected by the different Executive Boards.

2. This body shall be called the Board of Managers, and they shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

3. The Board may appoint from among the Active members of the League such Standing committees as may be considered necessary, and must do so upon the written request of five Active members.

4. It shall have full control of all matters relating to the management and development of the League.

5. It shall have authority to call special meetings of the League, and it shall have power to interpret this Constitution.

6. A Finance Committee appointed by the President shall bring forward at the Annual meeting suggestions for the Annual Donation, which shall be voted on by those present. Any member may send in suggestions to the Finance Committee, not later than one week before the Annual meeting.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *The Annual Meeting.*

1. There shall be an Annual meeting in the spring of each year, not later than April 10th, to elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the League. The Officers of the League shall be elected from among the Active and Associate members, nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the President. Suggestions for candidates may be sent to the President not later than two weeks before the Annual meeting.

2. Twenty-five members, Active or Associate, shall constitute a quorum.

3. Upon the written request of five members, the President shall call a special meeting of the League to consider specific subjects.

4. Notices of all Annual and Special meetings of the League shall be sent by the Secretary of

the League to all members. Notices of special meetings shall state the purpose for which they are called, and no other business shall be transacted at the meeting.

## ARTICLE XII.

### *Amendments.*

1. To amend this Constitution, the proposed amendments shall —

First — Be subscribed to by at least nine Active members and be presented to the President, who shall :

Second — Instruct the Secretary to send a copy of the proposed amendments to each member of the League.

Third — Present the same to the League at the next meeting thereafter, and a two-thirds vote of all the members present shall be required to confirm such proposed amendments.



## BY-LAWS.

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### I. BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall hold meetings for the transaction of business once in the spring within two weeks after the Annual meeting, and once a month during November, December, January, February, March and April, on a regular day designated by the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President.

### II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and of the Managers, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, be the general executive officer and ex-officio member of all standing and special committees, and appoint officers to fill any vacancies with the approval of the Board of Managers. She shall call meetings at her discretion, or upon the written request of three members of the Board.

2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in her absence, and shall assist her in the general supervision of the work.

3. The Secretary shall know (from the Chairmen of the Executive Boards) what opportunities of work are open to Associate members in order to be able to answer applications. She shall keep a list of names and addresses of all members, keep the minutes of proceedings with files of all reports and correspondence, notify members of elections, and send out such official notices or letters as may be decided on at the meetings.

4. The Treasurer shall keep a list of the names and addresses of the Treasurers of all the Sewing Circles belonging to the League; and shall collect all dues from Associate Members, B and C (Article V); shall receive and acknowledge all moneys; shall incur such expenses, not to exceed one-third of the year's income, as are authorized by the Board of Managers; keep an account of all receipts and expenditures; notify the Treasurers of the Sewing Circles at the beginning of each fiscal year that subscriptions are due; and re-notify such as have not paid by January 5th; and furnish an annual statement of all contributions, with current expenses. The Treasurer's yearly report shall be accompanied by the statement that it has been audited by a committee appointed by the President for that purpose. The fiscal year shall begin at the Annual meeting.

5. If by January 15th any member shall not have paid her annual dues, she will be re-notified,

and if said dues are not received by January 30th, said member will be considered as having resigned from the League.

### III. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS.

1. Not later than the last week in November of each year the Board of Managers shall call a meeting of the debutantes for the purpose of interesting them in the object of the League and explaining the Constitution.

2. Before the first meeting of the Board of Managers which shall follow the Annual meeting, the President of the League shall call a meeting of each Executive Board, which shall elect from among its own number an Executive Officer who shall be a member of the Board of Managers.

3. At this meeting the work for the following winter shall be planned.

### IV. STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Each Standing Committee, with the approval of the Board of Managers, may make its own rules or by-laws, not inconsistent with those of the League, and shall make an annual report to its Executive Officer, who shall make an annual report in writing to the President of the League one week before the Annual meeting.

2. A Standing Committee may be formed by any Sewing Circle and must be authorized by the



Board of Managers upon the written request of five members, to be interested in any social or industrial enterprise. No Standing Committee shall consist of less than five members.

3. The expense of each Standing Committee shall be defrayed by the League treasury.

#### *The General Work Committee.*

4. This committee shall do active work in any social or industrial enterprise (except a Settlement), approved by its Executive Board.

#### *The Settlement Committee.*

5. This committee shall do active work in any Settlement House approved by its Executive Board.

#### *The Entertainment Committee.*

6. This committee shall organize entertainments, musical or otherwise, to be given before clubs in Settlements, or any entertainment approved by its Executive Board.

#### *The Literature Committee.*

7. This committee shall have books on social and philanthropic subjects, a list of which shall be sent to every member of the League. The chairman is authorized to spend \$10 each year on new books.











